



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending October 20, 2019

RAINS PROVIDE SOME RELIEF

Rains across much of the state provided much needed moisture to most farmers. These rains also brought with them cooler temperatures with many areas reporting frost. Corn, soybean, and cotton harvests continued with most farmers continuing to post favorable yields. The added soil moisture from the recent rains have helped in the emergence of early planted winter wheat. Pasture conditions improved slightly after the rains, but frost kept pastures from making any big improvement and effectively put a stop to the grazing season in many areas. There were 5.2 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 20 percent very short, 24 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 22 percent very short, 34 percent short, 43 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Harvested	96	92	91	93	Corn	1	2	14	56	27
Cotton – Bolls Opening	97	93	99	97	Cotton	4	7	22	52	15
Cotton – Harvested	52	35	59	43	Soybeans	2	7	30	48	13
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	96	92	96	95	Wheat	3	2	26	60	9
Soybeans – Harvested	62	50	51	51	Pasture	19	38	29	12	2
Winter Wheat – Planted	34	23	35	38						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	11	7	19	15						

County Agent Comments

Corn harvest is nearly complete with soybean and cotton harvest in full swing. Good yields continue to be reported overall. Wheat planting to begin soon.

J. C Dupree, Lauderdale County

Farmers have made a lot of progress this week in getting soybeans and cotton harvested. Beef producers are feeding hay.

Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

The farmers in Fayette County had a good week of harvest. A few showers kept some out of the fields.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Rainfall on Tuesday night was followed by sunny conditions for the remainder of the week. Producers were back in the field late Thursday afternoon combining soybeans and shelling corn. The wheat seeding pace has picked up considerably with earlier planted wheat emerging after receiving adequate moisture.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Recent Rains were needed but have slowed down harvest some, depending on the part of the county.

Rusty Evans, Montgomery County

Tobacco harvest is complete. A few producers are trying to get in a late cutting of hay. Corn and soybean harvest has slowed down this week as 1.5 inches of rain fell over Tuesday night.

Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County

We need rain!

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Dry conditions caused shortage of grass. This week the area has experienced frost. Grazing season has been cut short and hay feeding has begun for several producers. Could cause hay shortage for area producers before season is over.

Bruce Steelman, Cannon County

Scattered showers last week provided some moisture and halted field activities for a day or so. Reports that some producers are hauling water and several producers feeding hay right now.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

Row crop harvest continues with producers continuing to report good yields. Continue to need rain for pasture improvement and water supplies.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

We had first frost Friday, October 18. 0.4" of rain this week helped dry conditions.

Steve Harris, Coffee County

0.3 in. rain this week. Need more! Beef producers feeding hay. Temps are milder this week, thank goodness! Soybean harvest in full bore. Seeing some 80 bu./ac. beans.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Some good rain but very cool temperatures this week.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

End-of-week brought a welcome rainfall average of half-inch. It wasn't a lot but slow, steady and much appreciated after ten weeks of drought. Drilling of wheat and winter annual forages should commence with more favorable soil conditions. Hay feeding of livestock continues with the absence of pasture forage. Temperatures are cooler with some scattered frosts observed mid-week.

John Wilson, Blount County

Still need rain! We got a good rain Tuesday, but it's still very dry! Burley tobacco has been cut and put in barn. Some corn is being harvested!

Jason Debusk, Bradley County